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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment

FROM: Robert C. Ames  
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SUBJECT: SCC Meeting of 23 April 1980 - "Security Framework"

1. Action Requested: None; the following is for your information. (U)
2. Background: This was the ninth in a series of SCC meetings on the Security Framework for the Persian Gulf/Indian Ocean. At the outset Dr. Brzezinski announced that since papers had not been received the requisite 48 hours in advance of the meeting, only general topics would be discussed, with the agenda items carried over until the next meeting. Only the rear basing question and the intelligence item were covered in any detail.
3. Rear Basing: Secretary Brown noted that the facilities we had acquired to date in Oman and Kenya were modest and that was as it should be. We really had to concentrate our efforts on rear bases. Of the rear basing areas we were looking at - Egypt, Sudan, Turkey and Saudi Arabia - only Egypt made any sense under current conditions. Brown raised this matter with Sadat and Defense Minister Ali with positive reactions. Further surveys of Ras Banyas, Berenice and Wadi Qina would be made. Undersecretary Christopher wondered if we weren't putting too much of a strain on our relationship at one time with such an extensive program. Shouldn't we do all this in phases? Brown assured State that DoD planned to do just that beginning with the McGiffert trip. McGiffert would be given clear instructions on how to proceed.
4. When discussions drifted to other items, Dr. Brzezinski cut them off stating that these items would be discussed early next week. The room was then cleared for the discussion of the intelligence item.

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5. No firm date was provided for the next Security Framework meeting. [REDACTED]

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